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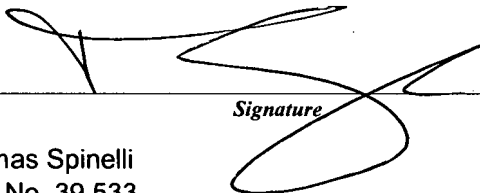
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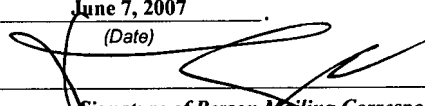
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to a SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed on May 7, 2007, Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Species IV shown in FIG. 10 for continued prosecution herein:

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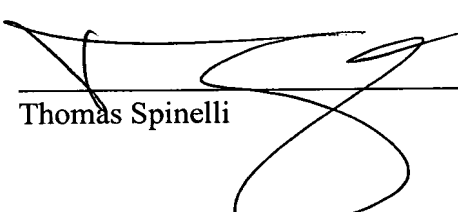

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FIG. 1 – 18 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that:

Species I, FIG. 1 – 5, directed to a network system employing an operation limiting system and a camera-equipped mobile communication terminal used in an operation limiting system;

Species II, FIG. 6 and 7, directed to a camera-equipped mobile communication terminal used in an operation limiting system including an emergency communication detector;

Species III, FIG. 8 and 9, directed to a camera-equipped mobile communication terminal used in an operation limiting system including a face recognizer and a face image database;

Species IV, FIG. 10, directed to a camera-equipped mobile communication terminal used in an operation limiting system including an emergency communication detector, a face recognizer, and a face image database;

Species V, FIG. 11 – 14, directed to a network system employing an operation limiting system including a Global Positioning System;

Species VI, FIG. 15, directed to a camera-equipped mobile communication terminal used in an operation limiting system including a Global Positioning System;

Species VII, FIG. 16, directed to a camera-equipped mobile communication terminal used in an operation limiting system including an emergency communication detector and a Global Positioning System;

Species VIII, FIG. 17, directed to a camera-equipped mobile communication terminal used in an operation limiting system including a Global Positioning System, a face recognizer, and a face image database; and

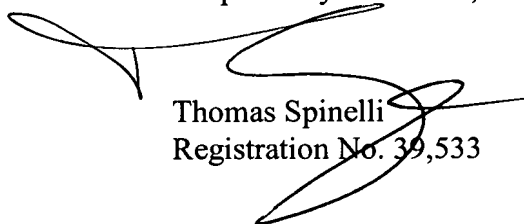
Species IX, FIG. 18, directed to a camera-equipped mobile communication terminal used in an operation limiting system including an emergency communication detector, a Global Positioning System, a face recognizer, and a face image database.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Species I – IX are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for Election, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the subject matter of Species IV, embodied in Claims 1 – 10, 16, 17, 20 – 22 and 24 – 32. Claims 1 – 7, 10, 20 – 22, 24 – 29 and 32 are believed to be generic. Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application and/or consideration of additional species under 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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